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## AND NOW COMES RUSSIA

Having saved western and central Europe with billions of loans and the gift of hundreds of millions in foodstuffs and other supplies, while those people remained in comparative idleness and the highest of prices prevailed in our own country, we are now to repeat the process with Russia. If reports are not misleading, Senator France has spent a few days in Russia as the guest of the soviet officials, and has become convinced that a loan of about \$4,000,000,000 from the American Treasury will put the Russians on their feet again and enable the Russian government to demonstrate a continued ability to function. From another source we are informed that under certain conditions America will send foodstuffs to Russia to tide the people through a winter made desolate by a miserable government and an unusual drought. The condition is that the Russian government release a few Americans who were foolish enough to enter that country and tempt fate.

Why is it that the United States must fly to the aid of every country of the Old World that insists on destroying its substance by rushing recklessly into war or experimenting with forms of government that centuries of experience have demonstrated always bring ruin in their wake? The World War and its distressing aftermath was due partly to the refusal of the people of Europe to assert themselves and proclaim freedom from self-appointed rulers who sought to exploit their subjects for personal glorification. The situation in Russia can be blamed only on the absurd government that prevented the people from accumulating a surplus to tide them over unusual weather conditions that have prevailed this summer.

There may have been some satisfaction in extending reconstruction aid to central Europe, as the peoples of those countries were in the throes of breaking away from their traditional rulers and setting up governments of their own. There was some prospect that, once relieved of their present distress, they would see to it that unprovoked war did not come again and that they would busy themselves with peaceful pursuits. But in Russia there is no suggestion of a change in government. Senator France expresses the conviction that the soviets are merely passing through a process of logical evolution; in fact, the four billion loan that he proposes is to be made to that very government to enable it to keep its hold on the country. The Russian people have been impoverished while the Russian government has made war upon about every nation within reach, and carried its communistic propaganda and sent its agents of revolution into every country in the world. A loan from America would be nothing less than a reimbursement to Russia for money and supplies expended in that way, and doubtless much of it would be spent to continue those programs of bloodshed at home and organized discontent abroad.

Has anybody estimated the cost to the allies and to the United States of Russia's defection during the war? It is quite possible that the war would have ended without the entrance of this country had not the soviet government compelled the withdrawal of Russia, and the United States might have been saved the expenditure of 75,000 lives and \$30,000,000,000. Now we are asked to perpetuate that same government with huge loans of cash and enormous gifts of foods and supplies? It is too much for even American altruism.

The United States demonstrated its affection for the Russian people in the dread famine of 1891 when millions were saved from death by food sent them from America. We are ready to repeat that contribution, but one of the conditions thereto should be that the soviet armies be disbanded, the soldiers returned to productive occupations, and a stop put to the requisitioning of food supplies to continue war against the Poles, the overawing of the Armenians, and war-like threats in Siberia. If the Russians would quit fighting and go to work raising crops, and creating industries, they would not be compelled to trade a home for a loaf of bread, as they do now.

## TAXES

It takes only five letters to spell that little word, but the very sound of the word makes us shiver, now-a-days, when we are taxed for everything and scouting committees are searching in "Bureau" drawers for new means of getting money, swivel chair artists are making new designs for spending it, and office architects are carrying out plans for wasting it.

The money intelligently spent for actual improvements is not a matter of so much concern because we are getting value received for it, but there should be some way of putting a stop to the needless and useless waste that has been going on for several years and that is putting a heavy burden upon the people and giving no return.

Taxes furnish a topic for many street corner discussions, and it is the universal conclusion that we are taxed too heavily for what we get. But it is not the tax levied by the government that is the heaviest burden. There are several other taxes that we give little thought to, but which are a continual drain upon our resources, nationally and individually.

For instance, at the present time more than three million men are out of employment, and the tax of idleness must be paid by someone. Strikes have raised the price of coal, railroad transportation and other commodities until that tax is a burden and a positive menace to the country at large. Pride that makes us live beyond our means is another source of taxation which we constantly pay tribute to, and there is folly and the expenditure of money for foibles that don't amount to anything. Ignorance and carelessness also demand a heavy toll in the way of disease, almshouses, jails, asylums, and other expense that comes necessary because we have taken no thought for the consequences of our acts.

After all, we fix our own burden to a large degree. Mistakes are bound to occur, misfortune will sometimes come, and nat can't be helped, but the thing we need most to lower our taxes, is a sound, sane, sensible basis of living.

## With Our State Contemporaries

**EDUCATIONAL DECLINE**

The statement is made by educational authorities that the United States ranks only ninth in the world in the general education level of its citizens. This will be a surprise to most people who have thought that this country has the best educational facilities.

War camp figures showed that only about one in four of our young men were able to read and write. Great masses of aliens have come in and have not been given even a rudimentary education. Many of them have attended night schools. But it takes more than a night school training to make them able to read slowly.

Educational requirements in Japan are said to be much more stringent than in this country. The United States will fall behind unless it makes better provision for training the illiterate elements.—St. John News.

## TEAM WORK COUNTS

The greatest success in nearly all lines of endeavor come only by team work. Team work is organization where every member of the team or force is working in harmony and to attain the best results. We all know about the horse divided against itself. When a political organization fails to secure harmony within its ranks, that party is soon defeated and another with better team work takes its place. This principle runs all through life, and yet political parties, social organizations and even churches sometimes forget it and suffer loss thereby.

The same thing applies to business. Harmony, good feeling, courteous treatment to all and by all is the only way that a business can attain the greatest success. An outbreak of bad temper will demolish a whole force, spoil a day, leave heart-burners and greatly reduce production. Bad temper and discourtesy are a tax on any organization that must be avoided if best results are to be obtained. Nearly every one is guilty at times of hasty remarks, which were much better left unsaid; but every one can reduce such remarks to the minimum and make amends for unkind and unkind outbreaks. When the business of the country is going through a period of depression it is more than ever essential that team work be maintained.—Clinton County Republican.

## THE CHURCHES

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
Holy masses as follows: First and third Sundays of each month, at 8:30 a.m.; at 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. John A. Malvey, Pastor.

**Eastminster Chapel**  
L. M. Krueger  
Thursday, Aug. 25—Mid week service and Bible study class at 8 p.m.  
Sunday, Aug. 28—  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Preaching—11:30 a.m.  
Subject: "The Heavenly Searchlight."

**Christian Endeavor**—7 p.m.  
Installation of officers. Trumpet meeting.  
Evening Service—8 p.m.  
Theme: "Wayside Ministry."  
Everybody cordially invited.

**United Brethren Church**  
119 Hastings St.  
Sunday School—10 a.m.  
Morning Service—11:00 a.m.  
Christian Endeavor—6:30 p.m.  
East End Prayer Meeting Friday evening.

**Jackson Street Church**  
Sunday School—10:30 a.m.  
We welcome you.  
C. H. Hall, pastor.

**First Baptist Church**  
State St., opposite Masonic Home  
Edward E. Shouffer, Pastor—Residence 123 W. Dowling St.  
10:00 a.m.—Divine worship.  
Sermon topic: "The Good News of the Kingdom."  
11:15 a.m.—Sunday School.  
6:30 p.m.—The B. Y. P. U. meeting. All members urged to be present.  
7:30 p.m.—Union services will be at the Presbyterian church.  
Prayer meeting Thursday night. You are welcome at all services.

**East Superior Christian Church**  
J. F. Williams, Pastor  
9:45 a.m.—Bible School.  
11:00 a.m.—Communion and sermon. Subject, "The Uplifted Christ."  
This church joins in the union evening service at the Presbyterian church.

**St. John's Evangelist Lutheran**  
Sunday service at 10:30.  
Sunday school as usual.  
Regular service every Sunday.  
Rev. Bernthal, the new pastor, will preach.

W. J. Kickbush, trustee.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and death of our darling Verne, also to thank the singers for their beautiful songs and Rev. Shouffer for his comforting words, and those who sent the beautiful flowers.—Mrs. Verne Hirschberger, M. and Mrs. Harry Edwards, Mrs. Beatie Sterling, Jay Quinn.

## TO THE PUBLIC

We are now located in the Sloydman building, 402 Woodworth avenue, and will be pleased to see all of our old customers and many new ones.—The Republic Barber Shop, Richard Bros., Prop'rs.

## Weather and Crop Bulletin

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

Moderate to heavy rains fell over the entire state during the week ending at 7 a. m. today. The temperature was generally below normal, excepting on Friday and Saturday, when it was somewhat above. The percentage of possible sunshine was below normal.

## GENERAL SUMMARY

General rains of the past two weeks have benefited all growing crops and put the soil in an ideal condition for preparation for fall feeding. Sowing of winter wheat and winter rye in northern counties has begun. Late potatoes are looking much better and are in blossom over the southern counties and the crop will be improved in quality and the yield increased. Corn is growing well and cutting has begun in southern counties; silos are being filled.

On the 19th the southern tier of counties was visited by high local winds which lodged corn and blew considerable fruit from the trees. Beans, sugar beets and cucumbers are doing well; there will be a good crop of pickles. Strawberry, duckweed and wealthy apples, plums and early peaches are being marketed; the quality of the fruit is excellent but the crop is light. Early Michigan grapes are also in the market but there will be only about a third of a crop because of the May frosts. The third cutting of alfalfa in central and northern counties is now being secured.

## FIREWORKS GETTING BETTER

There will be no dearth of all varieties of pre-war fireworks this year, according to officials of the Gratiot County Fair who have just announced the booking of a big night fireworks display for the fair.

The secretary of the fair has just received word from the Chicago concern which will produce the spectacle that every display device which went out of existence because of the shortage of explosives during the war, is being manufactured in large quantities now. All the pre-war material will be used in production of this type this season. Many new fireworks effects not known before the war have been worked out during the last year and will be included in the fair displays this year.

## Wild Geese in the British Isles.

The tribe of wild geese of Europe are birds of mystery. Their nesting grounds, and thus their true homes, are in the far north, in the wilds of Spitzbergen, and on the inaccessible island of Kolguev. It is only as visitors that they come to the British Islands, for in the regions that approach the pole winter comes early, and thus all bird life is driven southward, flying at incredible speed on the arms of the north wind as they make for their winter quarters in more hospitable lands.

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FOR READY REFERENCE

## Preserve This and Then You'll Know

President and Congress

President, Warren G. Harding, Ohio, salary \$75,000, with allowance for traveling expenses up to \$25,000 extra, and \$100,000 more for clerk hire and White House expenses—\$200,000 in all. (Subject to change)

Vice-President, Calvin Coolidge, Mass., salary \$22,000. President pro tem of senate, Albert B. Cummins, Iowa.

Speaker of House, Frederick H. Gillett of Mass., salary \$12,000. The 56 Senators and 435 Representatives of 67th congress receive \$7,500 salary each, with mileage extra at 25 cents a mile each way, each session, fixed on distance between their homes and Washington; also \$125 extra for stationery, newspapers, etc. Each is also allowed \$2,000 a year for clerk hire. Rules of representation, one member to each 33,333 population.

Party Division in 67th Congress: House 201 Rep., 145 Dem.; 3 Soc. Senate 55 Rep., 47 Dem.

C. H. Hall, pastor.

**The Cabinet**

Secretary of State, Charles E. Hughes, N. Y.; Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, Pa.; War, John W. Weeks, Mass.; Attorney Gen., Harry M. Daugherty, Ohio; Postmaster Gen., Will H. Hays, Ind.; Navy, Edwin Denby, Mich.; Interior, Albert B. Fall, N. M.; Agriculture, Henry A. Wallace, Iowa; Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover, Calif.; Labor, James J. Davis, Pa. Salary of each \$12,000.

**The Supreme Court**

Chief Justice, William Howard Taft, salary \$15,000. Associate Justices, salary, \$12,000 each: Justices, Louis Brandeis, Oliver W. Holmes, Mass. (Ret.); Wm. B. Duff, Ohio (Ret.); Willis VanDevanter, Wyo. (Ret.); Salmon P. Chase, Ohio (Ret.); James McReynolds, Tenn. (Dem.); Louis B. Brandeis, Mass. (Dem.); John H. Clarke, Ohio (Dem.).

**Michigan Government**

Governor, Alex. J. Groesbeck, salary, \$7,000; Lieut. Gov., Thomas Road, salary, \$400.00; Secretary of State, Charles J. Deland, salary, \$2,000.00; State Treas., Frank E. Gorman, salary, \$2,500.00; Auditor Gen., Orin B. Fuller, salary, \$2,500.00; Attorney Gen., Meritt Wiley, salary, \$2,000.00; Supt. of Public Instruction, Thomas E. Johnson, salary, \$1,000.00; State Highway Com., Frank P. Rogers, salary, \$750.00; Senator of District, Aaron Aronson, salary, \$4,000.00; Representative of District, David G. Locke, salary, \$4,000.00; Supreme Court Justices, salary, \$12,000.00; Joseph B. Moore, Joseph H. Steere, Howard West, Grant Fellows, John W. Stone, Gus M. Clark, John E. Bird, Nelson Slayton.

**County Officers**

Circuit Judge, Edward J. Malnet, salary \$12,000; Judge of Probate, James G. Kross, salary, \$2,500.00; Sheriff, A. T. Wilbert, salary, fees; Clerk, Bernice Case, salary, \$1,000; Treas., Sidney Evers, salary, \$1,000; Press, O. L. Smith, salary, \$2,000; Register of Deeds, Chas. Heiler, salary, \$1,000; School Com., Howard Potter, salary, \$1,000; Circuit Court Com., Archie McCall, Wm. A. Balke, fees; Drain Com., Erva Laycock, salary, \$1,000; Coroners, W. K. Ludlow, Dr. Hall, fees.

**City Government**

Mayor, Chas. R. Murphy, salary, \$3,000.00; City Commissioners, John G. Chisholm, Floyd Glass, A. J. Archer, Philip Cresser, salary, \$2,000.00; City Manager, Wm. E. Reynolds, salary, \$2,000.00; City Clerk, Francis C. Haward, salary, \$2,000.00; City Treasurer, D. W. Adams, salary, \$1,800.00; City Attorney, Wm. A. Balke, salary, \$1,200.00; Health Officer, Dr. John N. Day, salary, \$1,000.00; Chief of Police, James R. Campbell, salary, \$1,200.00; Supervisors, 1st ward, Joseph E. Fuller, 2nd ward, Nicholas E. Road, 3rd ward, Albert P. Cook, 4th ward, Joseph D. Helman, salary, \$3.00 per day on actual time.

**Igloo Has Advantage.**

An igloo is perhaps the best example of a house that conforms to the surroundings to be found the wide world over. They say the igloo is rather cramped for room, but on the other hand the high cost of living can have little effect on the price of "building materials" within the arctic circle. And to the explorer the glimpse of an ice hut through a gathering storm must seem more inspiring than a hundred boulevards to a city dweller.

## Let's Gather it in.

It is computed that the earth's atmosphere contains at least 4,000,000,000,000,000 tons of nitrogen directly accessible. The quantity in the air over one square kilometer of land is sufficient to enrich the earth of the whole world for twenty years at the present rate of consumption.

## Working of Pearl.

There are two kinds of shells used in the manufacture of small articles, the porcelaneous and the nacreous. The former are extremely hard and can be worked only with the apparatus used by the lapidary. The latter are more generally used and may be sawed, filed and turned with some facility. The pieces should be roughed out on a common grindstone. After turning they should be smoothed with pumice stone and water, and polished with rotten stone with sulphuric acid slightly diluted.

## The Opposite Perhaps.

"Hard work will kill no one," declares a literary editor. Most people, of course, prefer an occupation with a spice of danger about it.—London Punch.

**Had There Been No War.**

It is estimated that had there been no wars and no epidemics, the present population of the world, 1,519,000,000 people, would have descended from a single couple in 1,782 years, or since 198 A. D.

## A Cool Place

to play billiards and pool

Cigars, Tobaccos and Soft Drinks

Wright House Billiard Hall  
Fred Ballard, Prop'r

**STRAND THEATER**  
ALMA, MICH.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2d—8:15 P. M.

Prices:—Main floor, \$1.50, \$1.00; Upstairs \$1.00, 75c and 50c  
10% war tax added.  
Seats on sale on and after next Saturday.

Augustus Pitou, Inc. Presents  
**DENMAN THOMPSON'S**  
The **OLD HOMESTEAD**  
AMERICA'S OLDEST & BEST PLAY  
ALL THE ORIGINAL FEATURES OF PAST YEARS  
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Figure it out for yourself and if we are not right let us know. It would cost you

\$10.50 for 2000 hand bills the size of this ad  
\$20.00 for postage—if you didn't seal the envelopes  
\$7.00 for the envelopes, and  
\$5.00 for addressing envelopes and inserting hand bills or a total of  
\$32.50 to send 2000 hand bills through the mail to 2000 families in Alma and vicinity.

An ad in the Record the size of this would cost you but \$9.00, less than the mere cost of the hand bills—we pay the postage. The envelope addressing and inserting charges are eliminated.

**The Alma Record**  
Quality Printing

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